

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A portable electronic apparatus including a display and allowing a user of said portable electronic apparatus to select a function, comprising;
a plurality of keys associated one-to-one with a plurality of guide areas included in said display; and

control means for displaying, in each operation step, particular operation items which can be selected by the user in said plurality of guide areas, and executing, when any one of said plurality of keys is pressed, processing relating to one of said operation items appearing in one of said plurality of guide areas associated with the key pressed,

wherein ~~said items~~ at least one operation item previously selected by the user ~~are~~ is displayed hierarchically, ~~and at the same time~~ with at least one operation item currently selectable by the user.

2. (original): An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said apparatus comprises a handy phone.

3. (currently amended): A portable electronic apparatus comprising:

storing means for storing, for each of a plurality of functions, operation items which can be selected by a user operation step;

a display including a plurality of guide areas each for displaying respective guidance information representative of an operation item which can be selected by the user;

a key input section including a plurality of keys associated one-to-one with said plurality of guide areas; and

control means for managing a process of the operation step, and displaying, in each operation step, the guidance information representative of the operation items stored in said storing means in said guide areas, and executing, when any one of said keys is pressed, processing relating to one of said operation items appearing in one of said plurality of guide areas associated with the key pressed,

wherein ~~said operation items are~~ at least one operation item previously selected by the user is displayed hierarchically, ~~and at the same time~~ with at least one operation item currently selectable by the user.

4. (original): An apparatus as claimed in claims 3, wherein said guidance areas comprise a plurality of areas formed by dividing one of a plurality of display lines included in said display, said keys associated with said guidance areas being positioned in the vicinity of said display in a same arrangement as said guide areas.

5. (original): An apparatus as claimed in claims 4, wherein said guidance information comprise character sequences representative of the operation items which can be selected by the user.

6. (original): An apparatus as claimed in claims 5, wherein said apparatus comprises a handy phone.

C 7. (original): An apparatus as claimed in claims 4, wherein said guidance information comprise marks appearing on another display line of said display for designating values of set statuses in a form of the operation items which can be selected by the user.

8. (original): An apparatus as claimed in claims 7, wherein said apparatus comprises a handy phone.

9. (original): An apparatus as claimed in claims 4, wherein said apparatus comprises a handy phone.

10. (original): An apparatus as claimed in claims 3, wherein said apparatus comprises a handy phone.

11. (new): A portable electronic apparatus including a display and allowing a user of said portable electronic apparatus to select a function, comprising;

a plurality of keys associated one-to-one with a plurality of guide areas included in said display; and

a controller which displays, in each operation step, particular operation items which can be selected by the user in said plurality of guide areas, and executes, when any one of said plurality of keys is pressed, processing relating to one of said operation items appearing in one of said plurality of guide areas associated with the key pressed,

wherein at least one operation item previously selected by the user is displayed hierarchically with at least one operation item currently selectable by the user.

C 12. (new): An apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said apparatus comprises a handy phone.

13. (new): A portable electronic apparatus comprising:

a storage, wherein, for each of a plurality of functions, operation items which can be selected by a user operation step are stored;

a display including a plurality of guide areas each for displaying respective guidance information representative of an operation item which can be selected by the user;

a key input section including a plurality of keys associated one-to-one with said plurality of guide areas; and

a controller which manages a process of the operation step, and displays, in each operation step, the guidance information representative of the operation items stored in said storage in said guide areas, and executing, when any one of said keys is pressed, processing relating to one of said operation items appearing in one of said plurality of guide areas associated with the key pressed,

wherein at least one operation item previously selected by the user is displayed hierarchically with at least one operation item currently selectable by the user.

14. (new): An apparatus as claimed in claims 13, wherein said guidance areas comprise a plurality of areas formed by dividing one of a plurality of display lines included in said display, said keys associated with said guidance areas being positioned in the vicinity of said display in a same arrangement as said guide areas.

15. (new): An apparatus as claimed in claims 14, wherein said guidance information comprise character sequences representative of the operation items which can be selected by the user.

16. (new): An apparatus as claimed in claims 15, wherein said apparatus comprises a handy phone.

17. (new): An apparatus as claimed in claims 14, wherein said guidance information comprise marks appearing on another display line of said display for designating values of set statuses in a form of the operation items which can be selected by the user.

18. (new): An apparatus as claimed in claims 17, wherein said apparatus comprises a
C1 handy phone.

19. (new): An apparatus as claimed in claims 14, wherein said apparatus comprises a handy phone.

20. (new): An apparatus as claimed in claims 13, wherein said apparatus comprises a handy phone.
